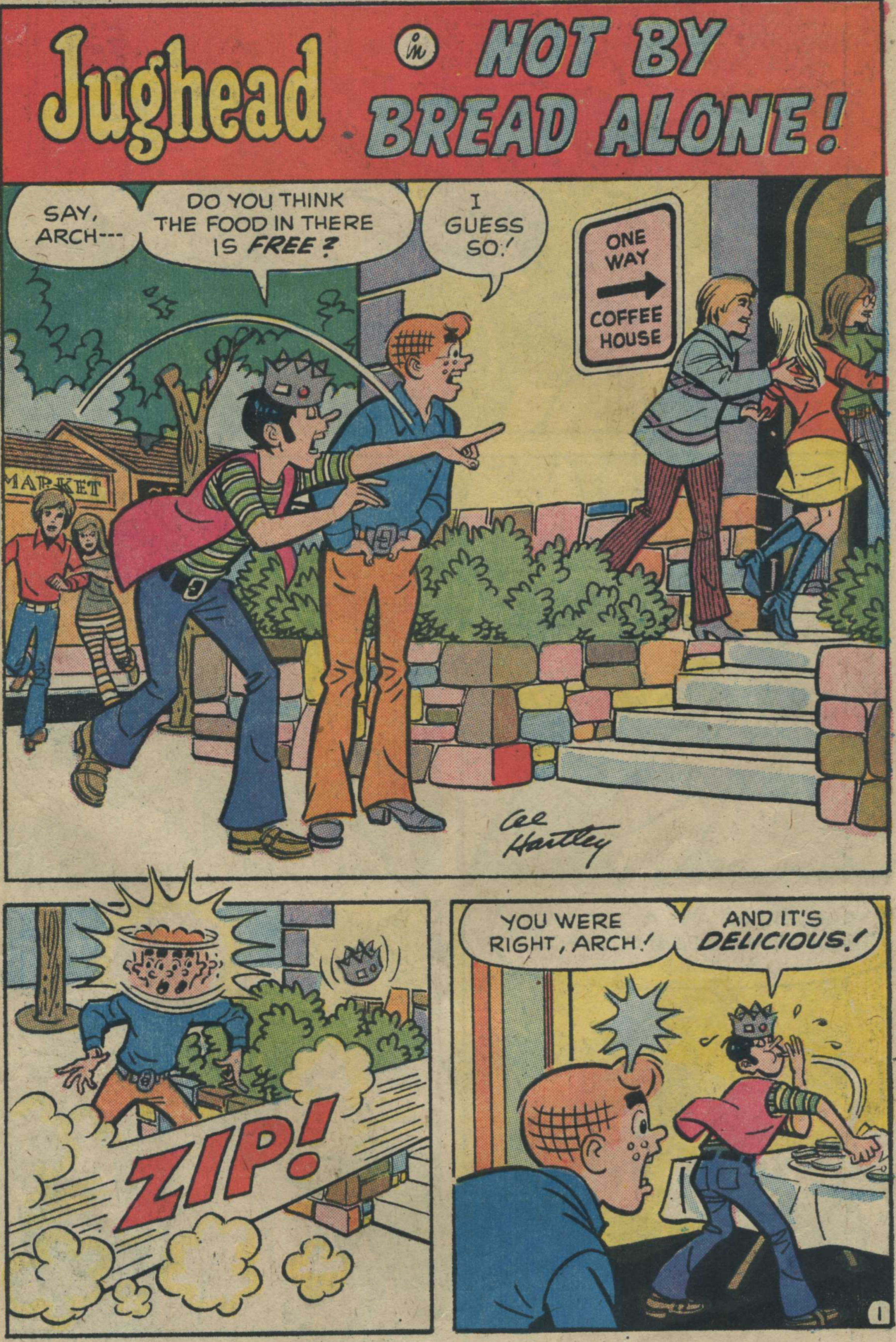
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Archie's



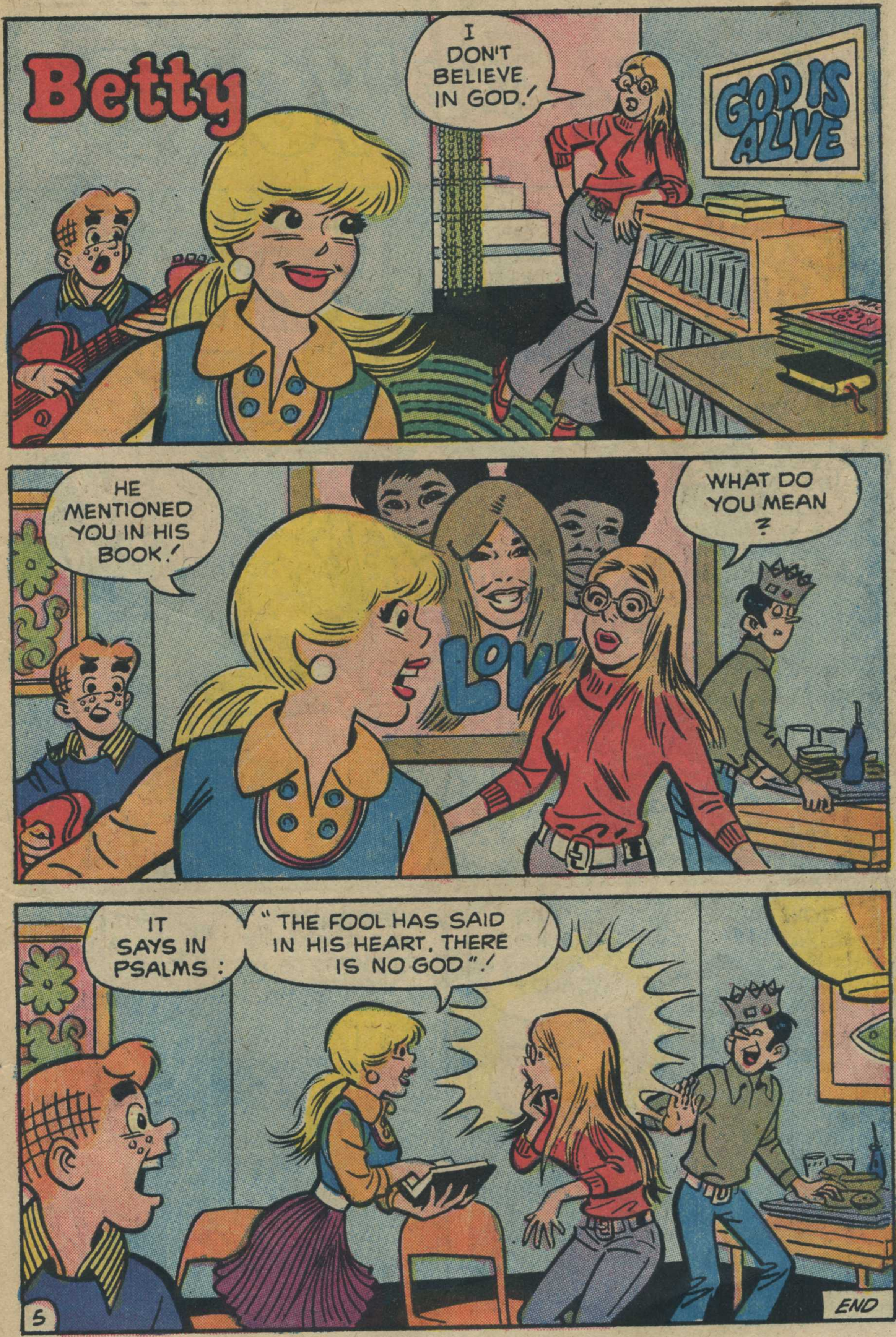

Jughead in NOT BY BREAD ALONE!
SAY, ARCH---
DO YOU THINK THE FOOD IN THERE IS FREE?
I GUESS SO.!
ONE WAY
COFFEE HOUSE
MARKET
Al Hartley
ZIP!
YOU WERE RIGHT, ARCH!
AND IT'S DELICIOUS!
1


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LOOKS LIKE WE'VE GOT A NEW CUSTOMER!
JUGHEAD'S ALWAYS READY TO EAT!
GOD LOVES YOU
SORT OF MAKES A SPIRITUAL POINT, DOESN'T HE?
WHAT DO YOU MEAN?
WELL, JESUS SAID THE FOOD OF THIS WORLD WOULD NEVER REALLY SATISFY!
OH, I WOULDN'T SAY *THAT*!
YEAH, THERE ARE A LOT OF THINGS THAT *SEEM* COOL FOR A WHILE---
SMACK!
BUT SOONER OR LATER WE CAN *CHOKE* ON THOSE THINGS!
COUGH!
COUGH!
2


MANY OF THESE KIDS WERE HUNG UP ON ALL KINDS OF THINGS---
DRUGS---
SEX---
YOU NAME IT---
BUT THEY'VE FOUND A BETTER WAY TO FILL THEIR LIVES!
JESUS
THIS GUY'S ONE OF THOSE RELIGIOUS NUTS---
LET'S SPLIT!
HOWEVER, WE DON'T HAVE TO PANIC---
THERE'S NO NEED TO RUSH!
SINCE YOU LIKE OUR FREE FOOD---
YOU SHOULDN'T MISS OUT ON THE GREATEST GIFT OF ALL!
WHAT'S THAT ???
CAREFUL, ARCH---
SHE'S ONE OF "THEM," TOO!
3


I'M TALKING ABOUT GOD'S LOVE AND GRACE AND FORGIVENESS, ALL WRAPPED UP IN JESUS CHRIST!
I'VE NEVER BEEN VERY RELIGIOUS!
I'M NOT TALKING ABOUT A STUFFY RELIGION---
I'M TALKING ABOUT A LIVING RELATIONSHIP!
JESUS CAN FILL YOUR LIFE WITH A REAL POWER AND PEACE THAT YOU WOULDN'T BELIEVE!
EVEN MY LIFE?
CHRIST HAS BECOME REAL FOR ALL OF US!
HE CAN DO THE SAME FOR YOU!
MAYBE WE OUGHT TO HANG IN HERE A LITTLE LONGER, ARCH!
DON'T TELL ME YOU WANT TO EAT MORE?
NO---
I WANT TO HEAR MORE!
END


Betty
I DON'T BELIEVE IN GOD!
GOD IS ALIVE
HE MENTIONED YOU IN HIS BOOK!
WHAT DO YOU MEAN?
LOVE
IT SAYS IN PSALMS:
"THE FOOL HAS SAID IN HIS HEART, THERE IS NO GOD"!
5
END


Archie
THE WORD!
STUDENTS.! PLEASE!
WE MUST HAVE ORDER IF WE'RE GOING TO CONTINUE.!
BETTER WORLD FESTIVAL!
LOVE!
NOW THE THEME OF OUR-GASP-PEACEFUL DEMONSTRATION IS---
"HOW CAN WE BUILD A BETTER WORLD?"
EVERYONE WILL GET A CHANCE TO EXPRESS HIS VIEWPOINT!
BUT ONE AT A TIME!
PLEASE.!!!
6


LEARN
THIS IS THE WAY TO BUILD A BETTER WORLD!
EDUCATION IS THE ANSWER!
BUT THE BIBLE SAYS WE'LL ALWAYS BE LEARNING, BUT NEVER COME TO A KNOWLEDGE OF TRUTH!
R
AW, THE BIBLE IS SO OLD!
SO ARE MAN'S PROBLEMS!
LET'S NOT GET BOGGED DOWN IN DEBATE!
NEXT EXHIBIT, PLEASE!
HERE'S OUR SOLUTION!
?


EVERYBODY WILL BE HAPPY WHEN THEY MAKE ENOUGH MONEY!
EARN
BUT CAN YOU EVER MAKE ENOUGH MONEY?
SOME OF THE UNHAPPIEST PEOPLE I KNOW ARE RICH!
NEXT PRESENTATION, PLEASE!
YOU'RE NOT GOING TO LIKE THIS ONE!
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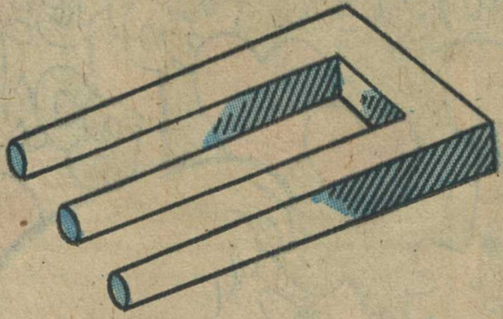

THIS IS THE ONLY WAY!
BURN
SOCIETY IS SO CORRUPT IT HAS TO BE DESTROYED!
BUT WE MIGHT DESTROY OURSELVES IN THE FIRE!
ALL RIGHT, STUDENTS--- MAKE ROOM FOR THE NEXT EXHIBIT!
WHAT'S YOUR SOLUTION, BETTY?
THIS ISN'T *MY* SOLUTION---
9



THIS IS GOD'S SOLUTION!
TURN
JESUS SAID TURN...
TURN FROM SELFISH-NESS...
TURN FROM GOING YOUR WAY...
GO HIS WAY!
IN THE WORLD IT'S EVERYONE FOR HIMSELF!
IN CHRIST, IT'S EVERYONE FOR EACH OTHER!
THAT'S GOD'S PLAN FOR A BETTER WORLD!
LET'S FACE IT, GANG--- WE'LL NEVER ALL BE BROTHER'S AND SISTERS---
UNTIL WE ALL HAVE THE SAME FATHER---
OUR FATHER WHO ART IN HEAVEN!
10
END

SEEING IS BELIEVING ??

WHERE DOES THE MIDDLE PRONG START ?



IT DOESN'T BELONG THERE, BUT WE SEE IT !!!

NOW TRY THIS ONE --- CAN YOU TELL IF THE VERTICAL LINES ARE STRAIGHT AND PARALLEL WITHOUT MEASURING ?



ACTUALLY, THE LINES ARE STRAIGHT AND PARALLEL! THE HATCHED PATTERN CREATES AN OPTICAL ILLUSION !!!

THE EYE CAN BE FOOLED!

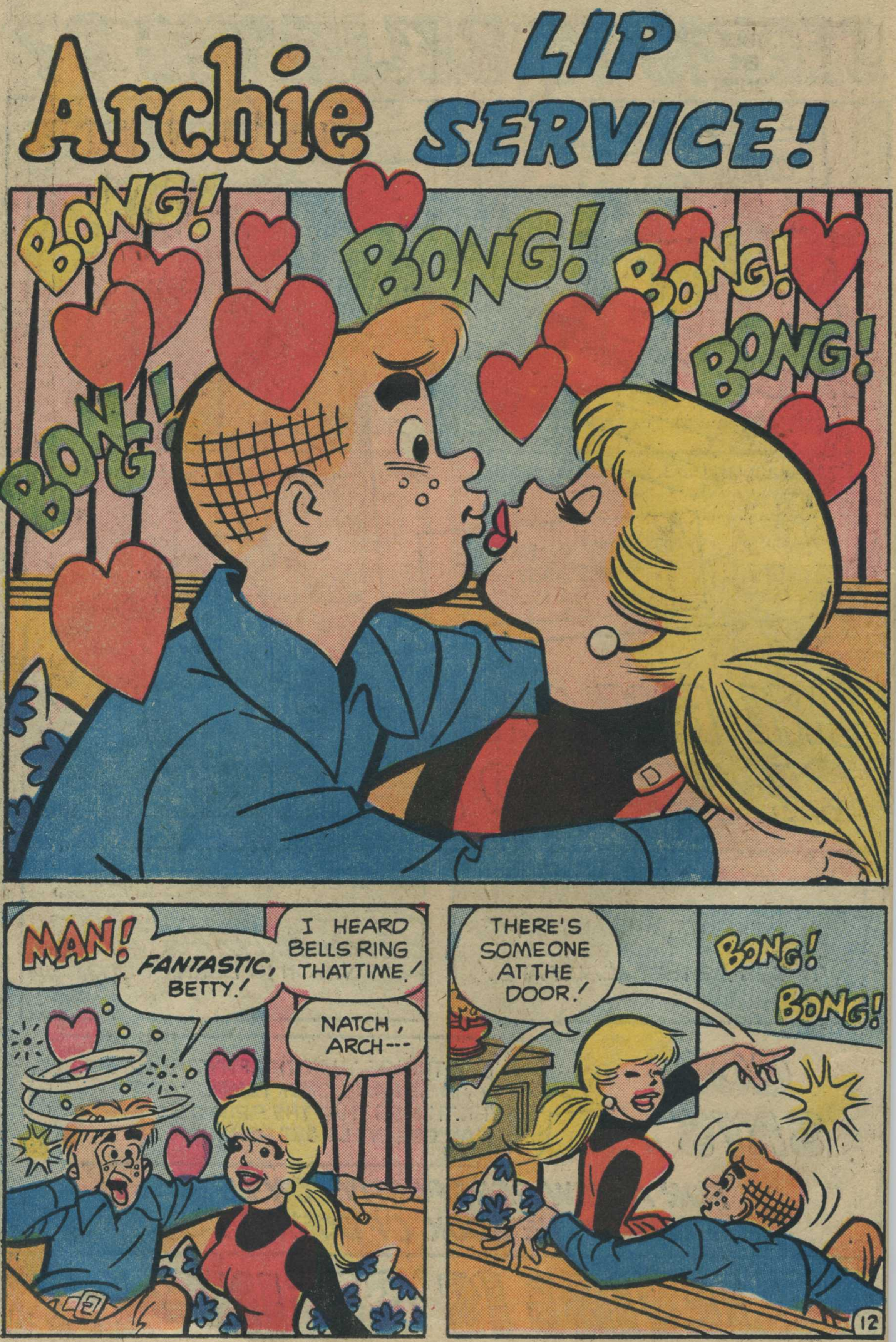
THE OPTICAL ILLUSION IS A PARABLE OF LIFE! AS MUCH AS WE'D LIKE TO, WE CAN'T ALWAYS DEPEND ON OUR EYES TO SEE THINGS AS THEY REALLY ARE!

THE BIBLE TELLS US THAT THE REALLY IMPORTANT THINGS IN LIFE CAN ONLY BE SEEN *SPIRITUALLY!* AND THIS KIND OF VISION IS BORN OF GOD!

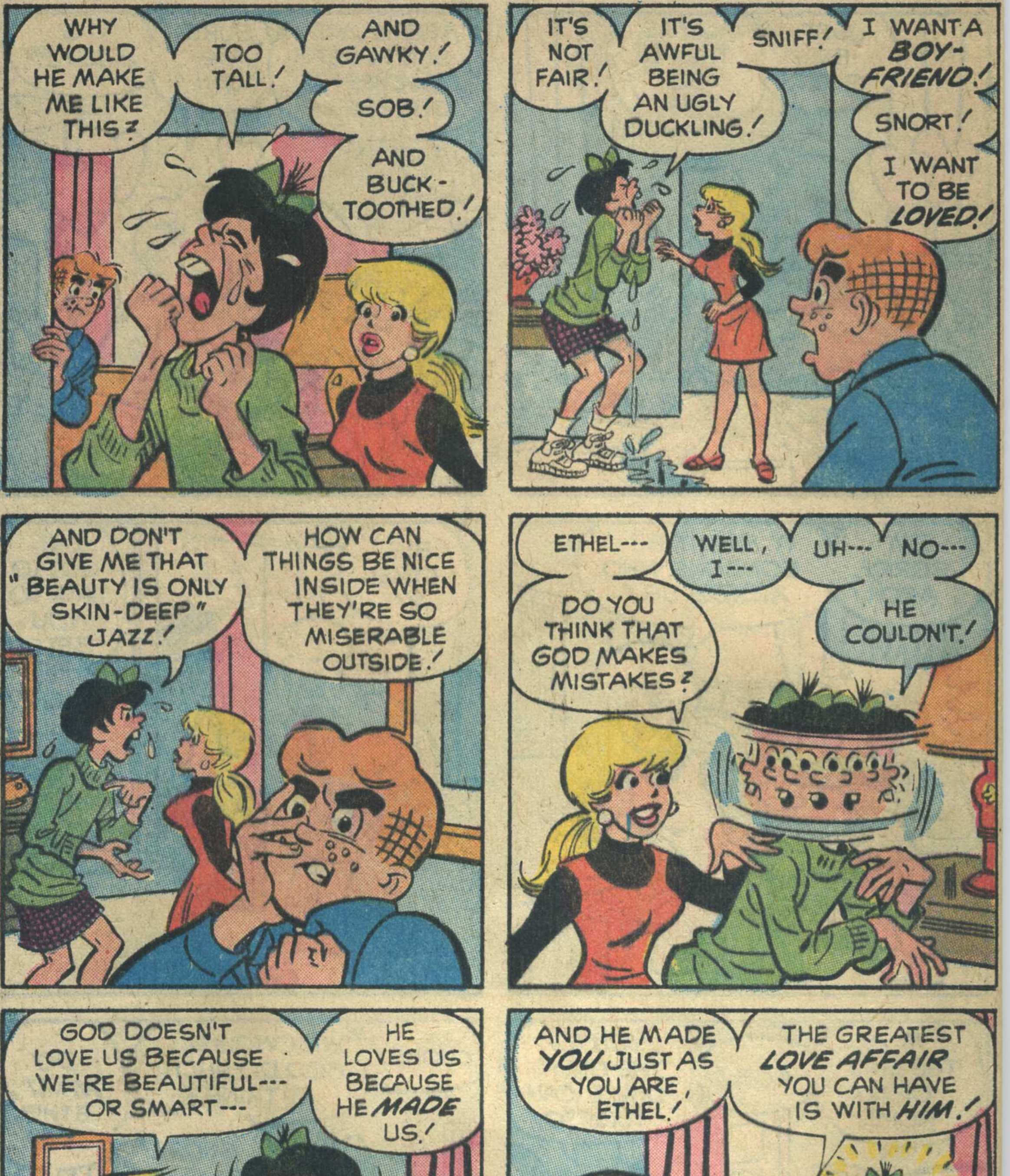
GOD SAYS: "THE THINGS THAT THE PHYSICAL EYE CAN SEE ARE ONLY TEMPORARY --- THE THINGS THAT THE SPIRITUAL EYE CAN SEE WILL LAST FOREVER!"

FOR A NEW PERSPECTIVE ON LIFE, READ THE BOOK OF JOHN!

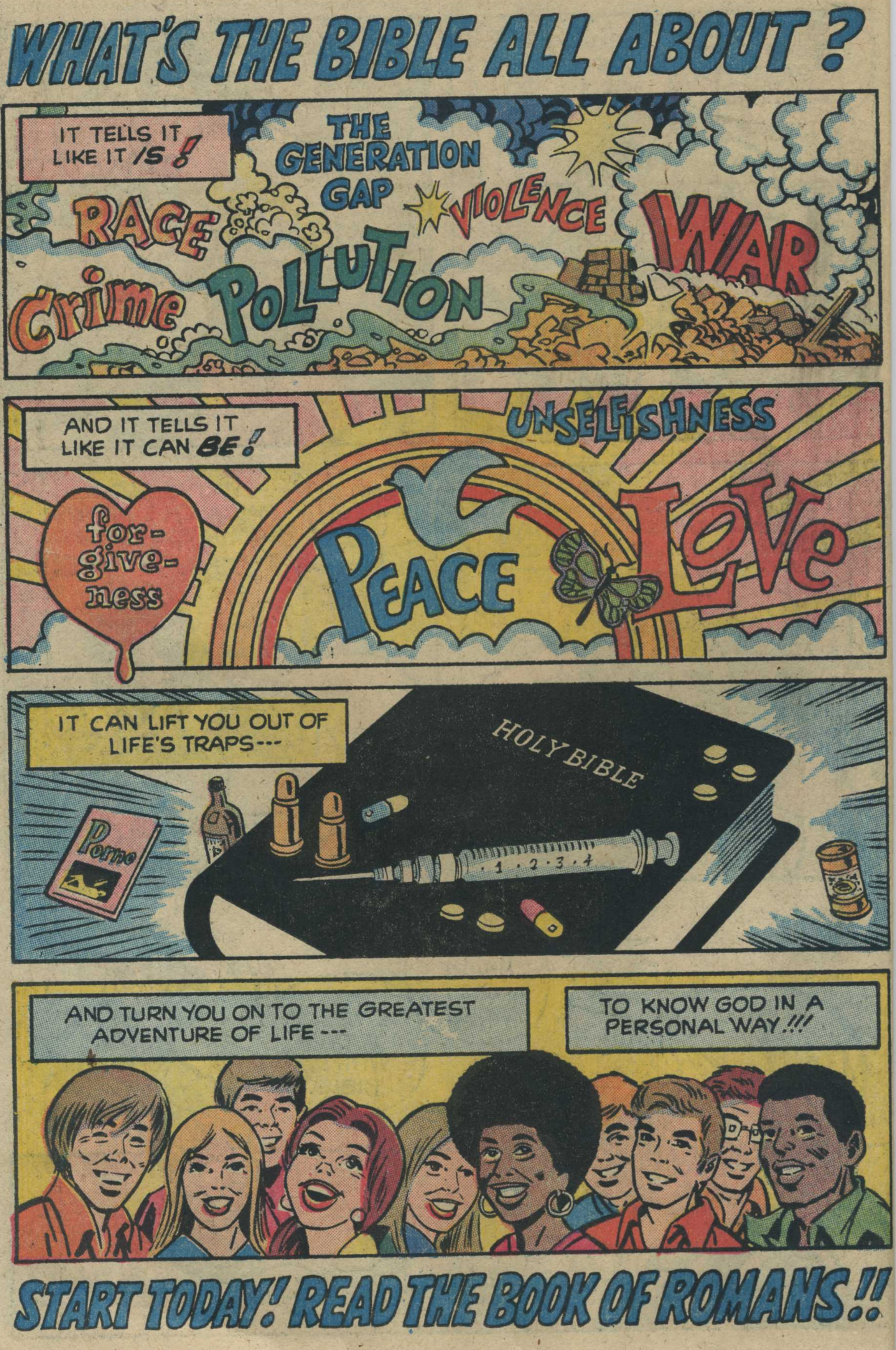
BELIEVING IS SEEING !!!

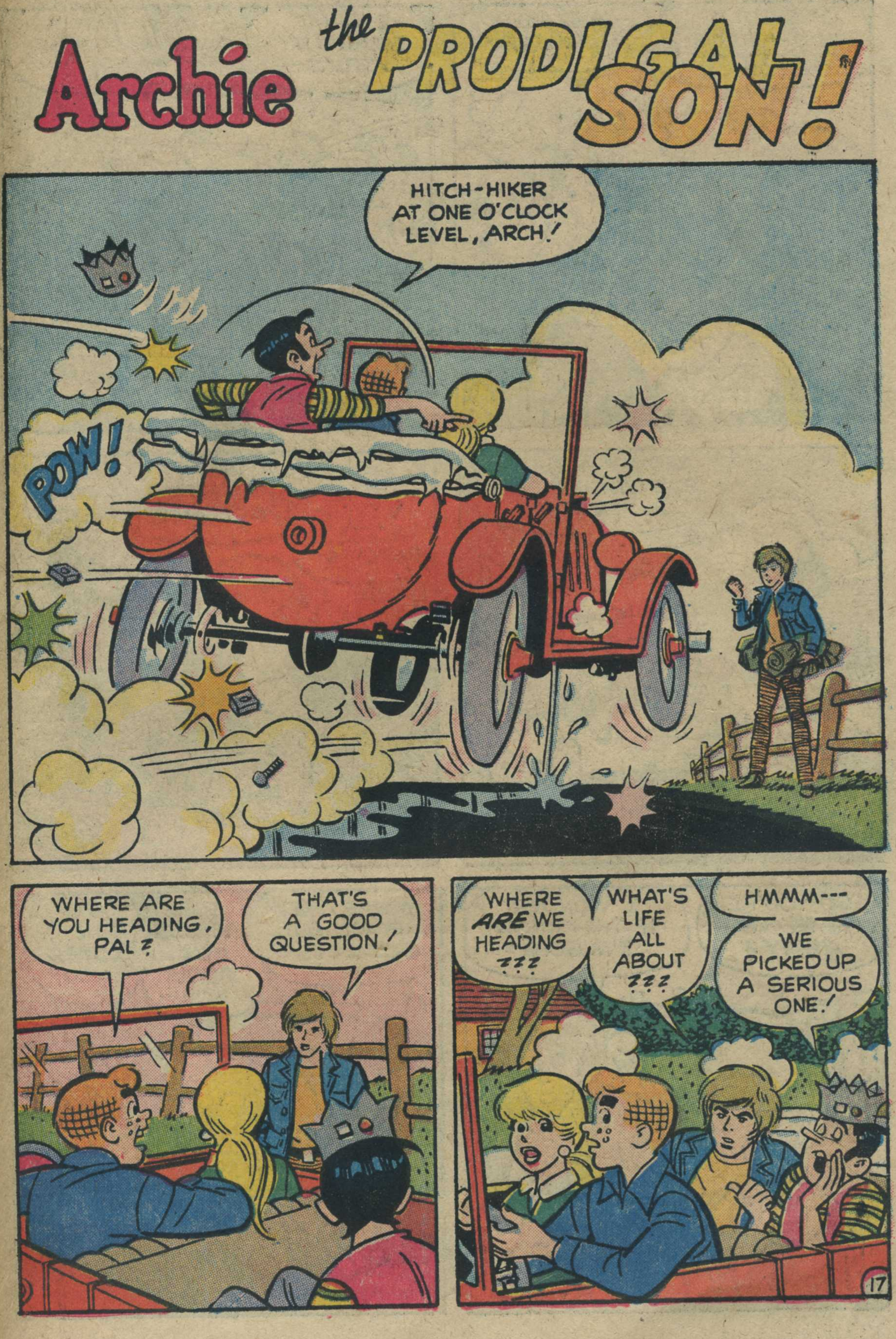

Archie
LIP SERVICE!
BONG!
BONG!
BONG!
BONG!
BONG!
MAN! FANTASTIC, BETTY!
I HEARD BELLS RING THAT TIME!
NATCH, ARCH---
THERE'S SOMEONE AT THE DOOR!
BONG!
BONG!
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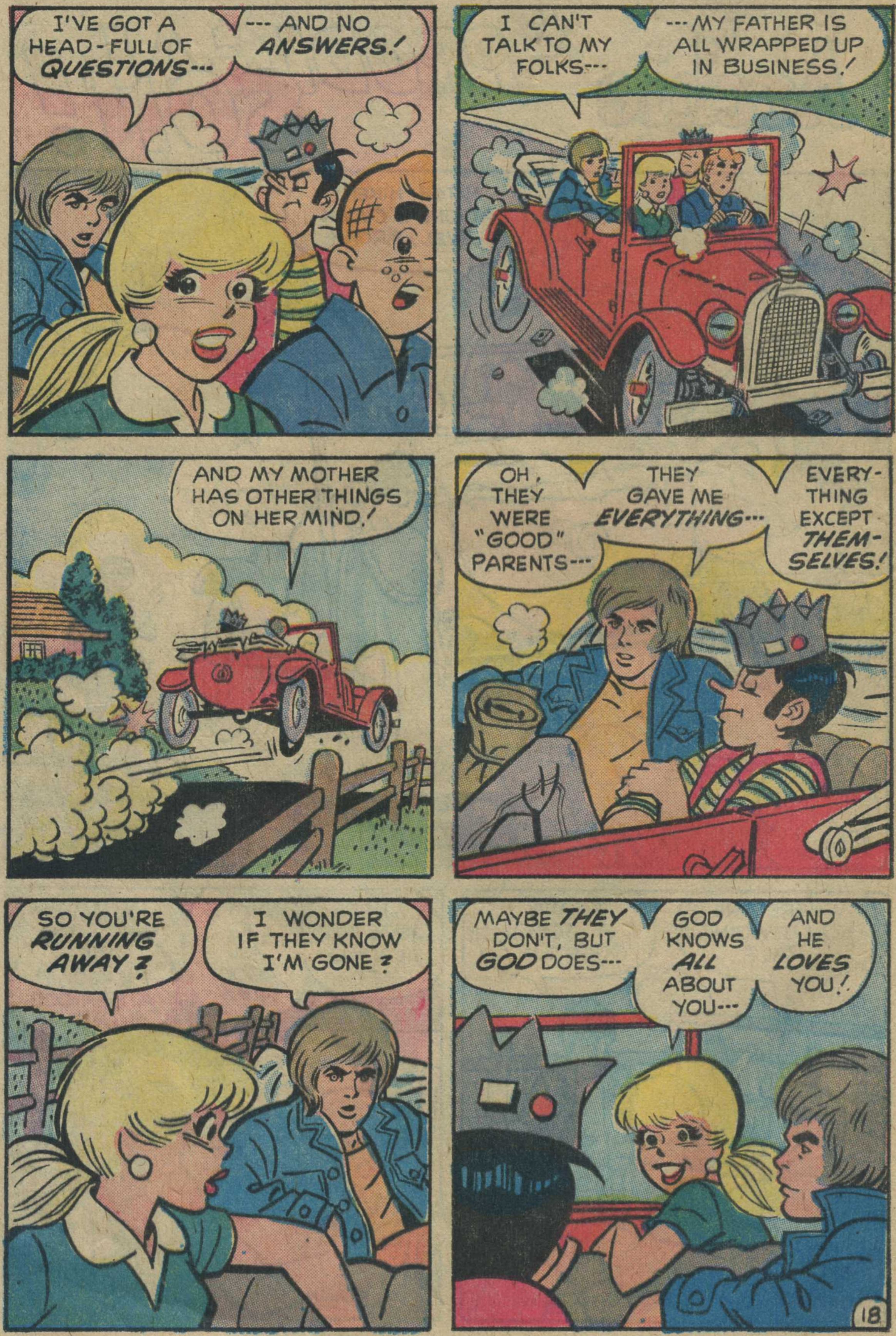

JUST BE QUIET!
MAYBE THEY'LL GO AWAY!
ARCHIE, WE CAN'T JUST IGNORE THE DOORBELL!
SURE WE CAN!
IT'S EASY!!!
I'M SORRY, ARCH!
IT MIGHT BE SOMEONE WHO NEEDS US!
BIG ETHEL !!!
I'VE GOT TO TALK TO YOU, BETTY!
SNIFF!
I'M AT THE END OF MY ROPE!
SOB!
YOU'RE THE ONLY ONE I CAN TURN TO!
CHOKE!
WHY WOULD GOD DO SUCH A THING?
SNORT!
DO WHAT, ETHEL ???
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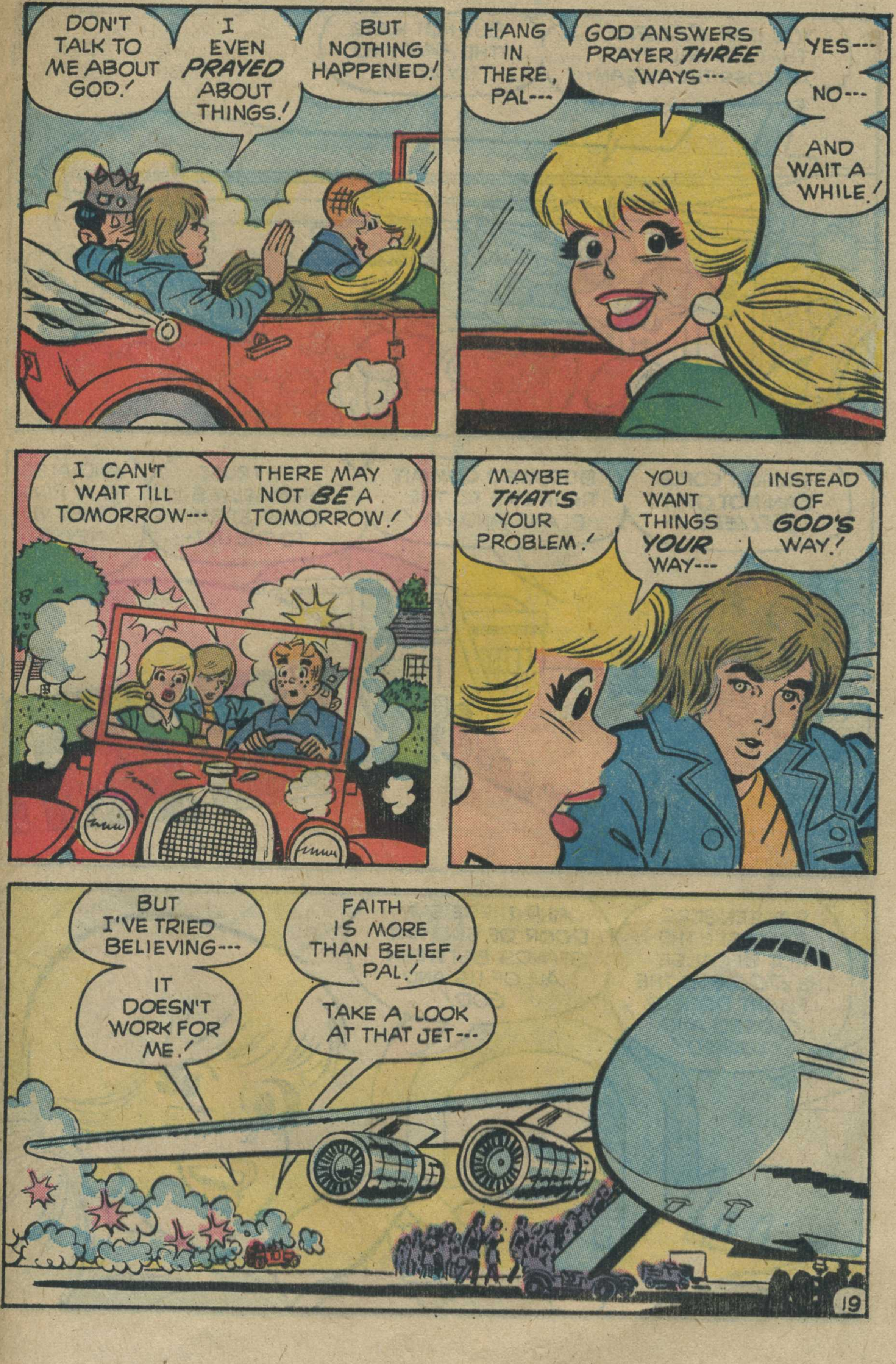

WHY WOULD HE MAKE ME LIKE THIS?
TOO TALL!
AND GAWKY!
SOB!
AND BUCK-TOOTHED!
IT'S NOT FAIR!
IT'S AWFUL BEING AN UGLY DUCKLING!
SNIFF!
I WANT A BOY-FRIEND!
SNORT!
I WANT TO BE LOVED!
AND DON'T GIVE ME THAT "BEAUTY IS ONLY SKIN-DEEP" JAZZ!
HOW CAN THINGS BE NICE INSIDE WHEN THEY'RE SO MISERABLE OUTSIDE!
ETHEL---
DO YOU THINK THAT GOD MAKES MISTAKES?
WELL, I---
UH---
NO---
HE COULDN'T!
GOD DOESN'T LOVE US BECAUSE WE'RE BEAUTIFUL--- OR SMART---
HE LOVES US BECAUSE HE MADE US!
AND HE MADE YOU JUST AS YOU ARE, ETHEL!
THE GREATEST LOVE AFFAIR YOU CAN HAVE IS WITH HIM!
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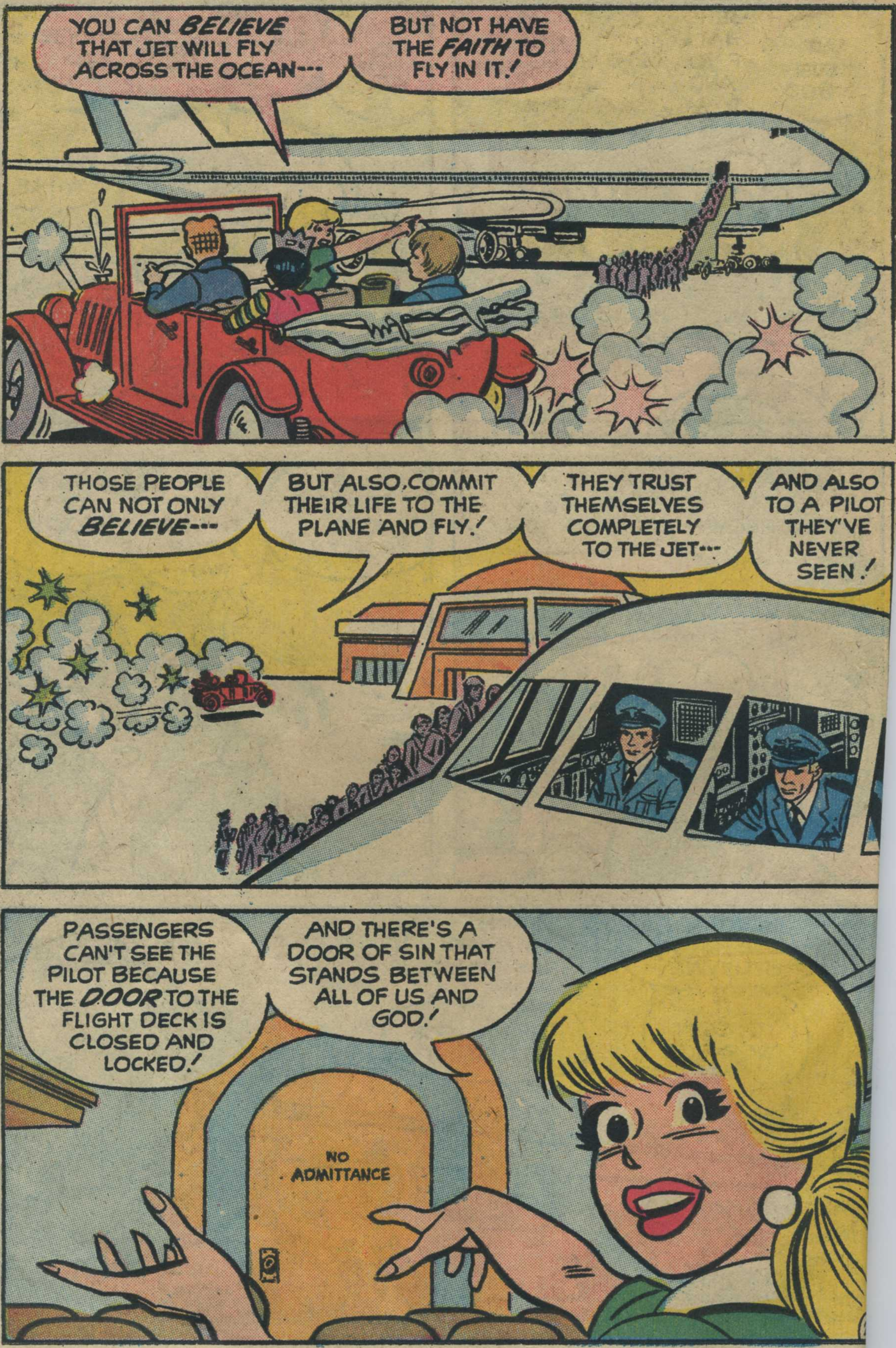

GOD'S GOT GREAT THINGS IN STORE FOR YOU, ETHEL!
HE HAS?
WHAT ARE THEY?
WHY DON'T YOU ASK HIM?
BUT HOW???
PRAY ABOUT IT!
ASK AND YOU SHALL RECEIVE---
SEEK AND YOU SHALL FIND!
I WILL!
SAY, ETHEL---
YOU'VE GOT A RADIANCE I NEVER SAW IN YOU BEFORE!
EAT YOUR HEART OUT, ARCHIE!
I'VE GOT A DATE WITH MY BIBLE!
END


WHAT'S THE BIBLE ALL ABOUT?
IT TELLS IT LIKE IT IS!
THE GENERATION GAP
RACE
VIOLENCE
WAR
Crime
POLLUTION
AND IT TELLS IT LIKE IT CAN BE!
UNSELFISHNESS
for-give-ness
PEACE
LOVE
IT CAN LIFT YOU OUT OF LIFE'S TRAPS---
HOLY BIBLE
Porno
AND TURN YOU ON TO THE GREATEST ADVENTURE OF LIFE ---
TO KNOW GOD IN A PERSONAL WAY!!!
START TODAY! READ THE BOOK OF ROMANS!!


Archie
the PRODIGAL SON!
HITCH-HIKER AT ONE O'CLOCK LEVEL, ARCH.!
POW!
WHERE ARE YOU HEADING, PAL?
THAT'S A GOOD QUESTION.!
WHERE ARE WE HEADING???
WHAT'S LIFE ALL ABOUT???
HMMM---
WE PICKED UP A SERIOUS ONE.!
17


I'VE GOT A HEAD-FULL OF QUESTIONS---
--- AND NO ANSWERS.!
I CAN'T TALK TO MY FOLKS---
---MY FATHER IS ALL WRAPPED UP IN BUSINESS.!
AND MY MOTHER HAS OTHER THINGS ON HER MIND.!
OH, THEY WERE "GOOD" PARENTS---
THEY GAVE ME EVERYTHING---
EVERY-THING EXCEPT THEM-SELVES.!
SO YOU'RE RUNNING AWAY ?
I WONDER IF THEY KNOW I'M GONE ?
MAYBE THEY DON'T, BUT GOD DOES---
GOD KNOWS ALL ABOUT YOU---
AND HE LOVES YOU.!
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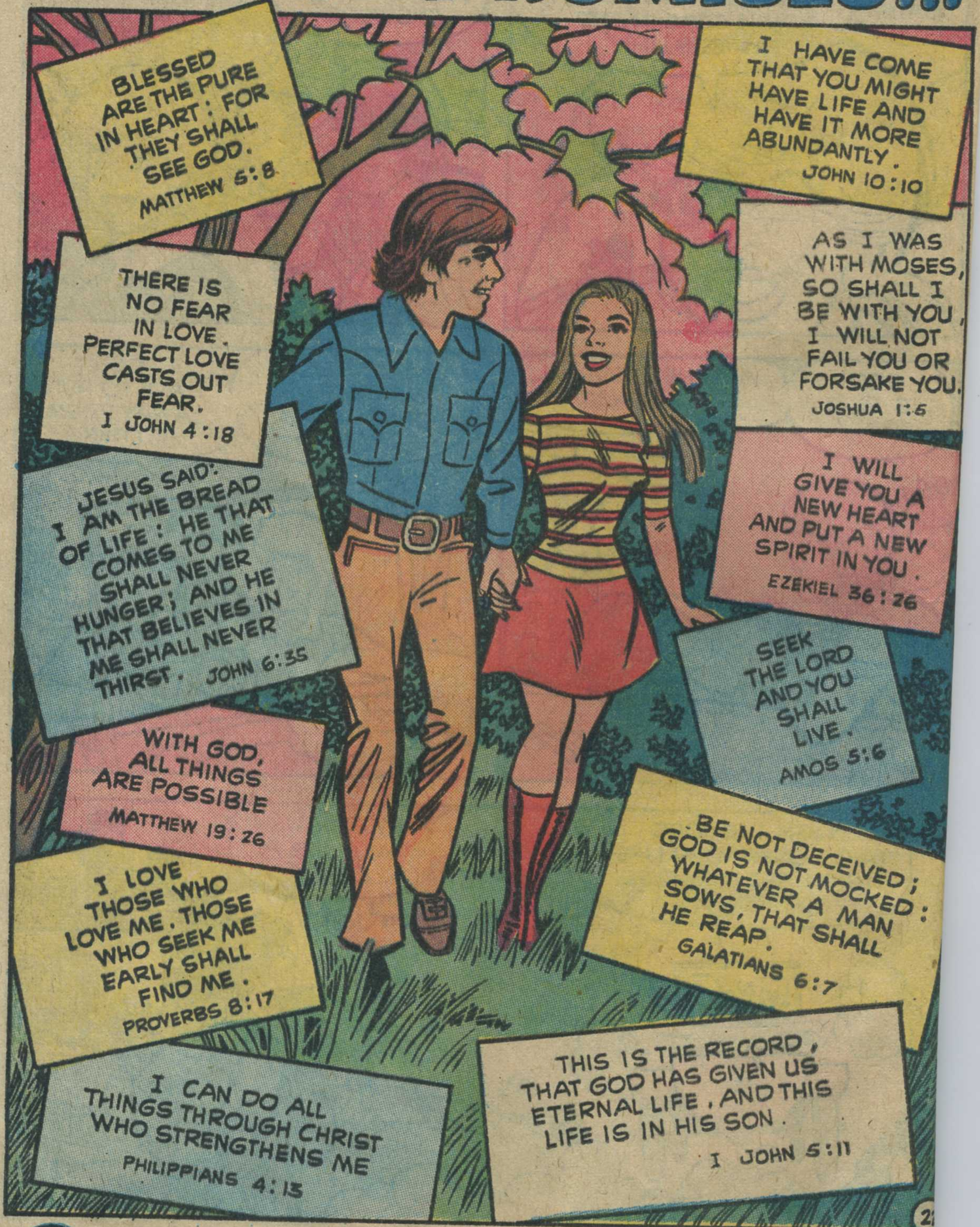

DON'T TALK TO ME ABOUT GOD!
I EVEN *PRAYED* ABOUT THINGS!
BUT NOTHING HAPPENED!
HANG IN THERE, PAL---
GOD ANSWERS PRAYER *THREE* WAYS---
YES---
NO---
AND WAIT A WHILE!
I CAN'T WAIT TILL TOMORROW---
THERE MAY NOT *BE* A TOMORROW!
MAYBE *THAT'S* YOUR PROBLEM!
YOU WANT THINGS *YOUR* WAY---
INSTEAD OF *GOD'S* WAY!
BUT I'VE TRIED BELIEVING---
IT DOESN'T WORK FOR ME!
FAITH IS MORE THAN BELIEF, PAL!
TAKE A LOOK AT THAT JET---
19


YOU CAN BELIEVE THAT JET WILL FLY ACROSS THE OCEAN---
BUT NOT HAVE THE FAITH TO FLY IN IT!
THOSE PEOPLE CAN NOT ONLY BELIEVE---
BUT ALSO, COMMIT THEIR LIFE TO THE PLANE AND FLY!
THEY TRUST THEMSELVES COMPLETELY TO THE JET---
AND ALSO TO A PILOT THEY'VE NEVER SEEN!
PASSENGERS CAN'T SEE THE PILOT BECAUSE THE DOOR TO THE FLIGHT DECK IS CLOSED AND LOCKED!
AND THERE'S A DOOR OF SIN THAT STANDS BETWEEN ALL OF US AND GOD!
NO ADMITTANCE



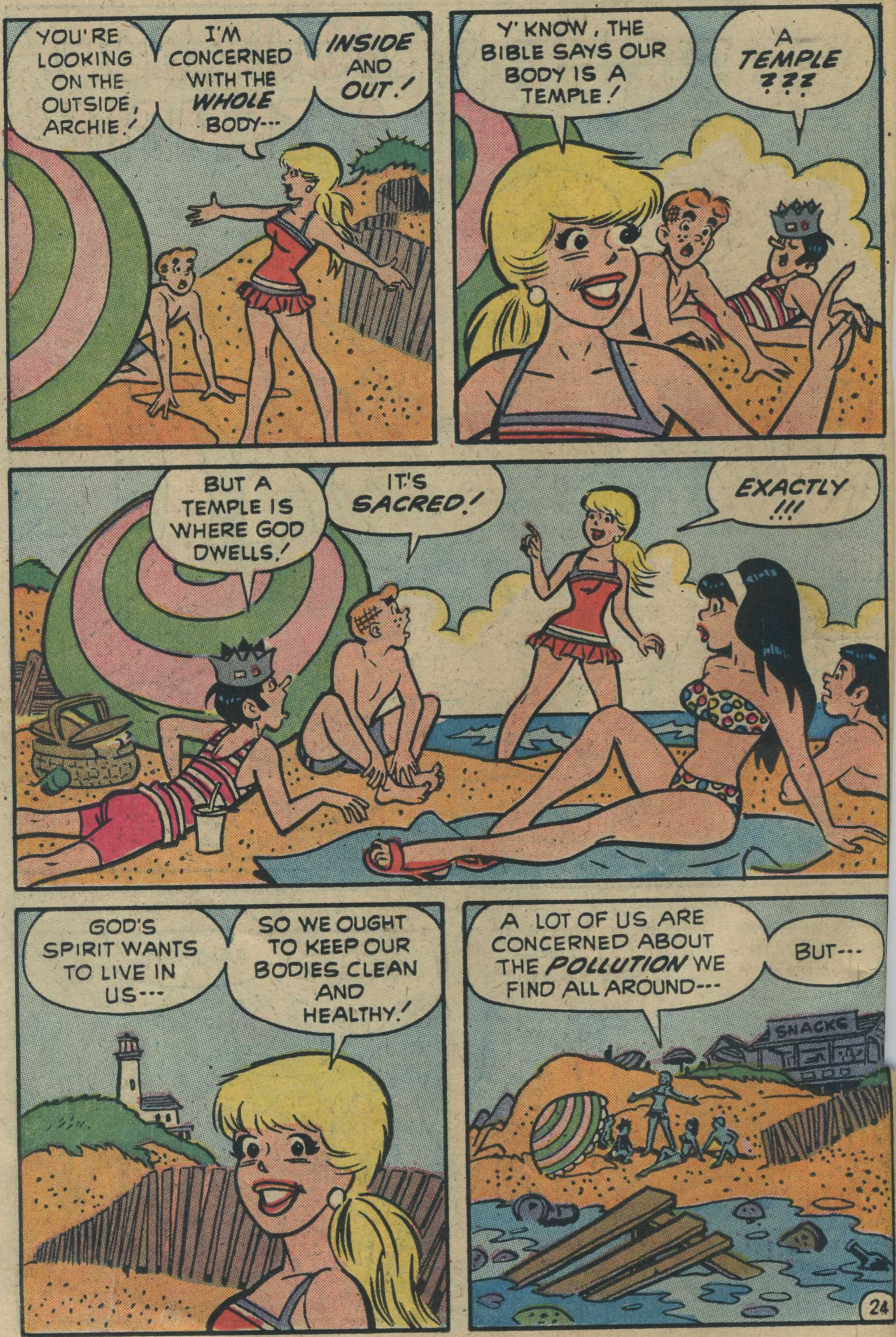
GOD'S ASSURANCE: "COMMIT EVERYTHING YOU DO TO THE LORD. TRUST HIM TO HELP YOU DO IT AND HE WILL." PSALM 37:5

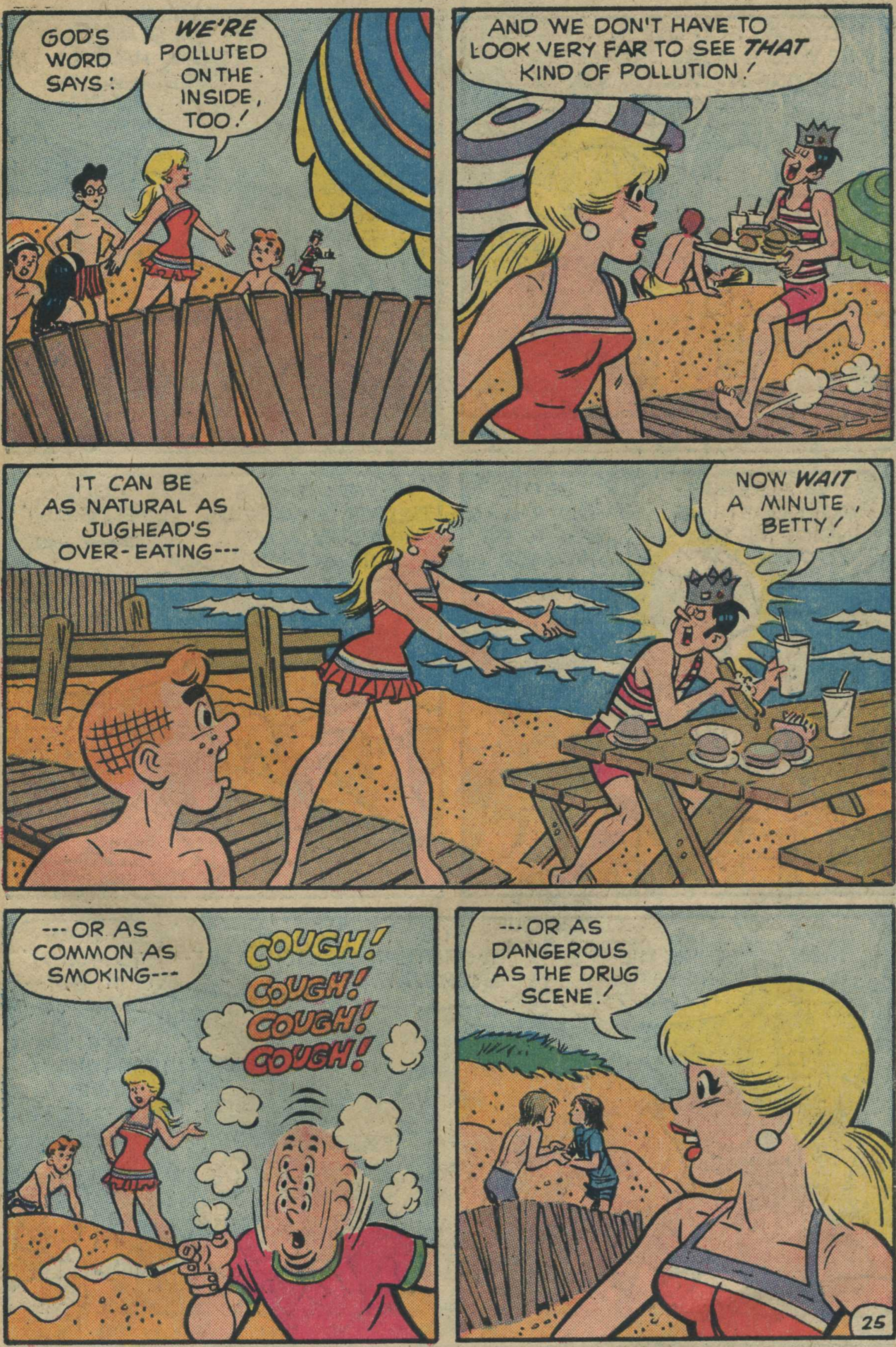
GOD'S PROMISES...



GOD MAKES THEM TO YOU!


Betty and Me
YOUR BODY A TEMPLE!
BETTY, IT'S SO HOT---
DO YOU HAVE TO DO THAT?
I GET POOPED JUST LOOKING AT YOU!
I HAVE TO KEEP MY BODY IN SHAPE!
YOU'RE DOING A GREAT JOB, BETTY!
REALLY FANTASTIC!
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YOU'RE LOOKING ON THE OUTSIDE, ARCHIE!
I'M CONCERNED WITH THE WHOLE BODY---
INSIDE AND OUT!
Y' KNOW, THE BIBLE SAYS OUR BODY IS A TEMPLE!
A TEMPLE ???
BUT A TEMPLE IS WHERE GOD DWELLS!
IT'S SACRED!
EXACTLY !!!
GOD'S SPIRIT WANTS TO LIVE IN US---
SO WE OUGHT TO KEEP OUR BODIES CLEAN AND HEALTHY!
A LOT OF US ARE CONCERNED ABOUT THE POLLUTION WE FIND ALL AROUND---
BUT---
SNACKS


GOD'S WORD SAYS:
WE'RE POLLUTED ON THE INSIDE, TOO!
AND WE DON'T HAVE TO LOOK VERY FAR TO SEE THAT KIND OF POLLUTION!
IT CAN BE AS NATURAL AS JUGHEAD'S OVER-EATING---
NOW WAIT A MINUTE, BETTY!
---OR AS COMMON AS SMOKING---
COUGH! COUGH! COUGH! COUGH!
---OR AS DANGEROUS AS THE DRUG SCENE!
25


HOW CAN GOD LIVE IN SOME-ONE WHO'S MORE INTERESTED IN HAVING KICKS THAN IN HAVING HIM?
SOME KIDS GET THEIR KICKS WITH LIQUOR---
I'M GLAD I DON'T HAVE TO OPEN A BOTTLE THAT'S 86 PROOF!
I'VE ALREADY GOT SOMETHING INSIDE ME THAT'S 100 PROOF!
BETTY, DO YOU HAVE TO BE HOLIER THAN THOU?
WELL, THAT'S BETTER THAN BEING WORLDLIER THAN THOU!
COOL IT, GALS!
I THINK THERE'S SOMETHING IN WHAT BETTY SAYS!
MORE THAN THAT---
I THINK THERE'S SOMETHING IN BETTY!
IT'S MORE THAN SOMETHING--
IT'S SOMEONE--
I HATE TO ADMIT IT, BUT---
SHE IS DISGUSTINGLY HAPPY!
26
END



FOR DETAILS OF THIS OFFER SEE PAGE 32!


Veronica
"MY FATHER'S HOUSE!"
ARCHIE'S COMING OVER TONIGHT, DADDY.!
I KNOW---
I CAN HEAR HIS CAR.!
POW!
BAM!
PAT BOONE SINGS
BLAM!
POKA!
POKA!
IT'S ABOUT TIME HE HAD THAT ENGINE REPAIRED.!
CRASH!
THE BRAKES NEED FIXING, TOO.!
FOOSH!
SCREEEEEEE!
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I---
I'M SORRY, SIR.!
THAT'S ALL RIGHT, ARCHIE.!
I'LL PAY YOU 50¢ A WEEK FOR THE REST OF MY LIFE.!
THAT WON'T BE NECESSARY, ARCHIE.!
Y- YOU'RE NOT ANGRY ???
ANGER WOULDN'T HELP THIS SITUATION, MY BOY.!
I DON'T BELIEVE IT, RONNIE.!
I THOUGHT DADDY WOULD BLOW HIS TOP.!
MAYBE THERE'S MORE TO THIS THAN MEETS THE EYE.!
DADDY'S A CHANGED MAN.!
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COULD THIS BE THE ANSWER, ARCHIE?
DADDY'S BEEN READING IT A LOT LATELY!
THE BIBLE!
AND LISTEN TO WHAT HE HAS UNDER-LINED---
WHEN SOMEONE BECOMES A CHRISTIAN, HE BECOMES A BRAND NEW PERSON INSIDE!
--- HE IS NOT THE SAME ANYMORE---
A NEW LIFE HAS BEGUN!
IT'S TRUE!
YOUR FATHER HAS CHANGED!
BUT HE'S ALWAYS BEEN A CHRISTIAN!
WELL, HE'S NOT ACTING THE WAY HE ALWAYS DID!
HE HAS A PEACE I NEVER SAW BEFORE!
KEEP READING THE BIBLE---
WHAT ELSE DOES IT SAY???
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WHAT THE BIBLE SAYS ABOUT BEING A CHRISTIAN---
IT IS MORE THAN BEING "RELIGIOUS".!
IT'S MORE THAN ANY OF THESE THINGS.!
LIP SERVICE
RULES "DO'S-DON'TS"
SERVICE
DENOMINATION
LIVING A "GOOD LIFE"
GOING TO CHURCH DOESN'T MAKE YOU A CHRISTIAN ANY MORE THAN GOING INTO A GARAGE MAKES YOU A CAR.!
YOU BECOME A CHRISTIAN BY TRUSTING CHRIST COMPLETELY.! BY LETTING HIM LIVE IN YOUR HEART, AND TRULY BECOME LORD OF YOUR LIFE.!
SO CHRIST IS INVOLVED IN EVERY PART OF A CHRISTIAN'S LIFE.!
HE KEEPS YOU FROM BLOWING YOUR TOP.!
THAT EXPLAINS IT, RONNIE.!
BUT I CAN'T BELIEVE IT.!
YOUR FATHER---
ONE OF THE JESUS PEOPLE.!
END
HOW ABOUT YOU ?
DO YOU HAVE THE PEACE AND POWER AND LOVE THAT PASSES ALL UNDERSTANDING ?
JUST TURN THE PAGE FOR GOOD NEWS.!!!

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YES, YOU COULD, NICKY!
YOU COULD CUT ME UP IN A THOUSAND PIECES!
AND EVERY PIECE WILL STILL LOVE YOU!
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YOU HAVE MADE BLIND EYES SEE!
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ONE WAY
DO YOU KNOW THIS IS ONE WAY?
THIS IS 'COOL'!
THE OFFICER IS WITNESSING TO ARCHIE!
AN UNFORGETTABLE TRUE STORY OF SUSPENSE AND INTRIGUE!
Corrie ten Boom's
The HIDING PLACE
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BETSIE, HOW CAN WE GO ON---
---TURNING THE OTHER CHEEK?
WE MUST, CORRIE!
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